(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Education in areas of concentration of Muslim population

3811. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to improve the quality and spread of primary schools in the areas of concentration of Muslim population;

(b) the current teacher-student ratio in the primary schools located in such areas and the steps being taken to improve it;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the educational infrastructure in such areas;

(d) whether the financial liabilities are to be shared between Central and State Governments in this regard; and

(e) how would such areas of concentration of Muslim population be identified and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) One of the goals of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is to remove gender and social gaps at primary level by 2007 and at upper primary level by 2010. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan's funding pattern is in the raio of 75:25 between Central and State Governments for the Xth Plan period.

SSA sanctioned 2,643 primary schools, 1,978 upper primary schools, 55,529 Education Guarantee Centres and provided support for teaching learning of the formal elementary education curriculum in about 10,700 maqtabs/madarsas in districts with substantial Muslim population, in 2006-06.